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SUBJ: ISRAELI ACTIONS IN GULF OF SUEZ

REF: TEL AVIV 6100

1. AT OUR REQUEST AND DESPITE IDF CURRENT PREOCCUPATION
WITH HIJACKED KLM FLIGHT, ARMA MET WITH IDF CHIEF OF EXTERNAL
RELATIONS, HIS DEPUTY AND ISRAELI NAVY (IN) CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE
AT 1000 SEPT 5. ARMA AGAIN QUERIED CONCERNING GUNFIRE DIRECTED
AT BUOYS AS REPORTED BY AMOCO WHICH WAS IN DIRECT CONFLICT WITH
IN STATEMENTS THAT TO BEST OF THEIR KNOWLEDGE, NO SHOTS
HAD BEEN FIRED. IDF RESPONSE WAS AS FOLLOWS.

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2. AS A RESULT OF EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR IDF VERSION OF EVENTS,

IN CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE HAD AGAIN QUERIED AT TUR BASE
CONCERNING REPORTED GUNFIRE AND SINKING OF BOUYS. AT APPROXIMATELY
0300 SEPT 5, HE RECEIVED REPORT THAT IN HAD ENGAGED BUOYS
WITH SMALL CALIBER GUNFIRE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS WAS:

A. AT APPROX 0735, SEPT 4, DABOUR PATROL BOAT FIRED ON A BUOY
WITH SMALL CALIBER WEAPON AND SANK IT.

B. BETWEEN 1500 TO 1515, SEP 4, DABOURS FIRED ON FOUR (4)
BOUYS WITH SMALL CALIBER GUNFIRE AND SANK THEM.

C. THREE (3) OTHER BOUYS, APPARENTLY MADE OF AN UNSINKABLE
MATERIAL, WERE CUT FROM THEIR ANCHOR ROPES.

3. IN STATES LOCATION OF ALL EIGHT BOUYS WAS 500 TO 3500 YDS
EAST OF MEDIAN LINE AND 5000 TO 6000 METERS FROM THE NEAREST
OPERATING RIG, PLATFORM OR ANY OTHER FACILITY WITH
PERSONNEL ABOARD. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT FIRE MIGHT HAVE
BEEN HEARD OR SEEN. HOWEVER, IN STATES THAT POSSIBILITY OF ANY
RICOCHET IS QUOTE VIRTUALLY NIL UNQUOTE. IN EXCLUDED POSSIBILITY
OF DANGER TO ANY OF THE RIGS IN THE AREA.

4. ARMA EXPRESSED SURPRISE AND DISAPPOINTMENT WITH OBVIOUS
CONFLICT OF ABOVE WITH PREVIOUS REPORTS. IN CHIEF OFINTELL
AND IDF CHIEF OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS STATED THAT PREVIOUS REPORTS
HAD BEEN BASED UPON ALL AVAILABLE GHQ INFORMATION AT THE TIME.
IN CHIEF OF INTELL INDICATED THAT SMALL CALIBER FIRE NOT
DIRECTED AT OR INTENDED AGAINST PERSONNEL WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN
REPORTED.

5. COMMENT: THE SINKING OF BUOYS IS APPARENTLY WHAT ALLON
MEANT WHEN HE SAID ISRAELIS WOULD MAKE IT "INCONVENIENT"
FOR AMOCO TO DRILL EAST OF MEDIAN LINE. WE WILL PROTEST
AT HIGH LEVEL 1) FACT THATISRAELIS HAVE DELIBERATELY DESTROYED
AMERICAN PROPERTY AND 2) THERE WE WERE NOT TOLD OF THIS ACTION
AGAINST BOUYS LAST NIGHT WHEN BRIEFED BY IDF. WE WILL INSIST
THAT WE BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED IN FUTURE. THIS DEMARCHE MAY
HAVE TO AWAIT RESOLUTION OF CURRENT HIJACK PROBLEM (KLM
AIRCRAFT) WHICH IS OCCUPYING ATTENTION OF ENTIRE LEADERSHIP
AND COUNTRY.
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